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EXERCISES AND DIFFICULTIES WITH COSTING FOR EXERCISE  
NORTHERN WEDDING.

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SUMMARY: AT ITS 27 JUNE MEETING, THE MILITARY BUDGET COM-  
MITTEE AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO THE SUGGESTED US WORDING FOR  
ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) HIRING CRITERIA WITH MINOR CHANGES.  
THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED PROPOSED EW FLYING HOUR EXPEN-  
DITURES FOR EXERCISE NORTHERN WEDDING. ACTION REQUESTED:  
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SEE PARA 4. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MBC RENEWED ITS DISCUSSION OF SHAPE'S PROPOSED  
CRITERIA FOR HIRING ELECTRONIC WARFARE ASSETS FOR EXER-  
CISES DURING ITS 27 JUNE SESSION. THE SUGGESTED REWORDING  
(REF B) WAS TABLED. THE GERMAN DELEGATE (GERZ) OBJECTED  
TO THE WORDING WHICH SEEMED TO HIM TO ESTABLISH A SET OF

CRITERIA CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A NATION MOST LIKELY TO BE PROVIDING EW ASSETS (THE US BEING THE NATION HE HAD IN MIND) COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO REQUEST PAYMENT OF EW HIRE COSTS IN PRACTICALLY EVERY INSTANCE. TO HIS MIND, THIS WAS CONTRARY TO HIS AUTHORITIES' VIEW OF EW ASSETS HIRE PRINCIPLES (SEE PARAS 2 AND 5 OF REF A). HE (GERZ) ALSO OBJECTED TO THE WORD "PRINCIPALLY" IN THE 6TH LINE OF THE PROPOSED REWORDING (REF B).

2. THE US REPRESENTATIVE (DENNEHY) INTERJECTED THAT SUCH AN INTERPRETATION WAS NOT THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED CRITERIA WORDING AND THAT THE WORD "PRINCIPALLY" WAS THE OPERATIVE WORD IN THE SENTENCE PROVIDING THE BASIS FOR A PROSPECTIVE RENTER OF EW ASSETS TO NEGOTIATE HIRE PAYMENT. THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY (BLABBER) PROPOSED THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD "AND" FOR "OR" IN THE 4TH LINE OF THE PROPOSED TEXT AND THE INSERTION OF THE WORD "THUS" IN THE 5TH LINE FOLLOWING THE WORD "WOULD". THE GERMAN DELEGATE COULD ACCEPT THE CHANGE BUT WOULD SEEK HIS AUTHORITIES' APPROVAL. THE US DELEGATE (AWARE OF THE OVERRIDING US INTEREST IN ASSURING THE FURTHERANCE OF LIVE EW TRAINING) ACCEPTED THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSED CHANGE AD REFERENDUM. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE LAST PART OF THE SENTENCE (I.E., THE WORD PRINCIPALLY) ALLOWS THE NEGOTIATING ROOM NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE US INTEREST. END COMMENT.

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3. DURING THE SAME MEETING THE COMMITTEE EXAMINED EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS FOR EXERCISE NORTHERN WEDDING, 1978 (REF C). THE GERMAN DELEGATE CHALLENGED THE EW FLYING HOUR SORTIE COSTS WHICH APPEAR AS A PART OF THE COST PROPOSALS. (HE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO THE TRANSIT COST.) HE REITERATED THE POSITION HE HAD TAKEN THE PREVIOUS WEEK (SEE PARA 2 AND 5 OF REF A) AND MADE APPROVAL OF THE FLYING HOUR CHARGES SUBJECT TO HIS CONFIRMATION. HE FURTHER REJECTED THE "ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES" WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN THE DETAIL COST FOR FLYING HOURS IN REF C, AND REQUESTED COST ACCOUNTING DETAILS CONCERNING FLYING HOUR BILLING FOR NORTHERNWEDDING IN GENERAL. THIS WAS PRECIPITATED BY REMARKS OF THE CHANCOM WITNESS (DEUCHE) WHO MADE SOME UNCLEAR STATEMENTS REGARDING CIVILIAN PILOT HIRE AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING (FEWSG). THIS TRIGGERED THE GERMAN DELEGATE'S PARTICULAR INTERVENTION. HE ASSURED THE US REPRESENTATIVE, IN CORRIDOR DISCUSSION, THAT HIS CHALLENGING THE FLYING HOUR COST COMPOSITON WAS AT THE REQUEST OF HIS AUTHORITIES BUT THAT THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT WAS NEW TO HIM AND ONLY CONFIRMED HIS AUTHORITIES' JUDGMENT IN DIRECTING HIM TO CHALLENGE THE NORTHERN WEDDING FLYING HOUR COST ELEMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN THE  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO HIRE COST WORDING (PARA 1) AND  
DEFINITIVE EXPLANATION CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT  
ASPECTS OF THE EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS FOR NORTHERN WEDDING  
EW FLYING HOURS. THE COMMITTEE WILL RETURN TO THIS  
QUESTION ON 5 JULY AND THE US MEMBER SHOULD BE IN  
POSITION TO EXPLAIN/DEFEND US COSTING FACTORS. REQUEST  
ADVICE/INFORMATION BY COB 3 JULY. GLITMAN

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